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POSTSCRIPT

BURN UP STATE BONDS

After Saturday Kansas Will Not Owe a Dollar.

Last Outstanding Bonds Will Be Burned Publicly.

CELEBRATION FOR BIG EVENT

The Ceremony Will Take Place at the Capitol.

Past State Officers and General Public Invited.

Plans for the public burning of the last dollar of state bonds were announced today by the state executive council. The last of the state bonds—an issue of \$159,000—will be burned Saturday morning at a public reception in the office of Earl Akers, state treasurer, and Kansas will be free of bonded indebtedness. State officials will participate in the celebration of the cancellation of the last state debt.

The program surrounding the celebration was discussed today at a meeting of state officials. Offices in the state house will be thrown open to the public and an informal reception will be held. At 11 o'clock Saturday morning, the bonds will be burned in the office of Earl Akers, state treasurer, and Kansas will be free of bonded indebtedness. Former state officials, who signed the bonds, will be invited to participate. The bonds to be burned were issued in 1912 during the administration of Willis J. Bailey of Atchison as governor.

Work will stop during the celebration and the public will be invited to witness the burning of the bonds. Governor Carpenter will deliver the principal address and other state officials will tell of the freedom of Kansas from bonded indebtedness. An invitation will be extended to former Governor Bailey and the Atchison banker will also be asked to speak. J. R. Burrow, wealthy Topeka banker, was secretary of state at the time the bonds were issued and signed the bonds to be burned. He was today asked to participate in the celebration.

Bonds to be burned Saturday are the last of an issue of \$225,000 made by the state twelve years ago. At that time the state departments made a computation of the state's bonded indebtedness and bonds were issued for the full amount. Since the issue was made, the state has cancelled \$305,000 of the outstanding indebtedness. A sinking fund was provided and there are now sufficient funds available to pay the last dollar of the outstanding issue.

The bonds to be burned Saturday were issued under an act of the 1902 legislature. The \$225,000 issue provided funds for the building of the twelve plant at the Lansing state prison. This plant was burned in 1913 and was built with funds from the wine plant revolving fund.

PRESS CLUB DINNER

W. Y. Morgan Will Be Guest of the Newspaper Men Tonight.

Members of the Topeka press club will dine in the Cremere banquet room at 6:30 this evening. Final details for the organization of the club will be worked out at tonight's meeting and plans for a permanent home will be discussed.

Since the press club plan was launched, it has met general support among the newspaper workers of the town and encouragement from outside publishers. Plans for a permanent club home will be discussed at tonight's meeting. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30. A special feature program has been planned for W. Y. Morgan, lieutenant governor and publisher of the Hutchinson News, will be a guest of the club at tonight's meeting.

BLAZE IN DUPONT'S

Lives of 300 Men Endangered by Another Fire in Powder Factory.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 30.—Three hundred workmen were imperiled by a fire of supposed incendiary origin which broke out Tuesday night at the Dupont Powder company plant at Appleton, according to District Attorney Mark Catlin, who returned from Appleton today.

Effort was made to keep the fire a secret, according to Mr. Catlin. Workmen shut off the blazing section from another part of the building where a great quantity of nitro-glycerin was stored. The pecuniary loss was small.

DEFENSE RESTS

Ten Weeks' Trial of New Haven Directors Nears End.

New York, Dec. 30.—The defense rested its case today at the trial of William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad charged with conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law to monopolize the railroad traffic of N. Y. England. The trial has been in progress since October 13.

SLAYS WIFE WHO SUED FOR DIVORCE AND SELF

Oskaloosa, Ia., Dec. 3.—T. J. Martyn of Marshalltown, Ia., shot and killed his wife, aged 23, and himself at the home of J. C. Eason at Given, near here today. The wife had applied for a divorce. Two small children survive.

Kids Epidemic Puzzles M.D.'s.

Boston, Dec. 30.—A mysterious malady, which has baffled physicians, had claimed seven victims among infants in Boston last night. An increasing number of children were reported suffering from the same disease. Medical Examiner George B. Magrath said he believed the illness to be a new form of influenza. He was inclined to disagree with early medical opinions that the deaths were due to poisoned candy.

BIG POLICE YEAR

Arrests Equal One-Twentieth of the Total Population.

Fewer in Topeka Than in the Year 1914 at That.

TOTAL 2,140 PERSONS RUN IN

Of These 746 Were Charged With Being Drunk.

Persons Charged With Violating Liquor Law Number 104.

The total number of arrests made by the Topeka police department during the year of 1915 was equal to one-twentieth of the population of Topeka. Two thousand, one hundred and forty-two arrests were made. However, the total number of arrests during the last year was less than in 1914 and an increase over the number of 1913.

In 1914, 2,200 arrests were made. The number in 1913 was 2,134. The total arrests for drunkenness this year took a big jump. In 1914 and 1913 the number of persons picked up for being intoxicated was 668 and 661. This year 746 drunks were booked at headquarters. Considering the fact that the "Topeka standard" has not been in effect since the House administration took the reins of government, the number is unusually large for one year.

However, since Chief Parsons became head of the police department arrests made have been for more important offenses during the old regime. During the first of the year one minor was picked up for smoking cigarettes and another was arrested for smoking.

But few frank arrests have been booked in the last nine months.

BURIED TO DEATH

Kansas Woman Saturates Herself First With Gasoline.

Wires Feet Together, Touches Match and Dies.

Oakley, Kan., Dec. 30.—Mrs. W. D. Miller, aged 61 years, committed suicide here Wednesday by burning herself to death. Mrs. Miller went out into the garden, stepped down into a small hot-bed, wired her feet together so she could not run, muffled her head and mouth and then saturated herself with gasoline to which she applied a match.

Neighbors saw the flame leap up in the garden and ran to ascertain the cause and find the charred remains of Mrs. Miller, death having been presumably instantaneous.

Since an operation a few months ago Mrs. Miller has been in general ill health and required constant watching. The family is one of the oldest in this city. Mrs. Miller being the widow of Mrs. Otis and Mrs. Herman Anderson, wives of two business men of Oakley.

STORM PASSED US BY

Temperature Rises Above Normal and Little Change Is Forecast.

The weather was mild this morning, although a heavy bank of slaty clouds and mist hung in the air. Only a slight breeze was blowing, registering two miles an hour from the north. Temperatures are above normal. The minimum last night was 23 degrees, the warmest night for several days.

The forecast indicates that the snow and ice weather has been side-tracked. Unsettled weather tonight, Friday probably fair, not much change in temperature in the forecast.

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SHIP IS WATER LOGGED

Greek Steamer on Way to New York With Boiler Room Flooded.

New York, Dec. 30.—Another radio message was received today from the Greek steamer Thessaloniki which is making for this port with her boiler room badly flooded.

"On account of small damage," read the message. "We come with lessened speed. Engineers assure no cause for alarm. Account of strong winds speed four miles. When weather improves speed will be six or seven miles." Officials of the Greek line said that at the rate of speed she is now making the Thessaloniki should reach New York Saturday morning.

2 AMERICAN REPUBLICS TO FORM A UNION

Sec. Lansing Unfolds Plan to Pan-American Congress.

Perpetual Peace for Western Hemisphere Anticipated.

HAS APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT

Would Prohibit Sale of Arms to Revolutionists.

Monroe Doctrine Continues Unaltered a National Policy.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations which with the United States comprise the Pan-American union that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line disputes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolutionaries.

Secretary Lansing's proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by the Latin-American ambassadors and ministers to their home foreign offices for consideration. It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan, in which the Pan-American scientific congress now in session here is a part, for preservation of peace on the western hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americas.

The status of the negotiations and the details of Secretary Lansing's proposal are so far being held as confidential between the state department and the Latin-American chancelleries here. Mr. Lansing today declined entirely to discuss in any phase and the diplomats uniformly declared they could not discuss a matter which was in preliminary stage and under consideration by their home foreign offices.

Delivers Unity Speech.

It became known, however, that soon after Secretary Lansing delivered his Pan-American unity speech before the Scientific Congress in which he advocated a Pan-American union for all, and all for one, he began inviting the Latin-American representatives to the state department two at a time, outlining to them his proposal.

At the same time, it is understood the secretary's public declaration which had attracted much favorable attention among the Latin-Americans because of its suggestion that all the Pan-American nations should if necessary constitute a united bulwark against any unjust invasion or aggression upon a neighbor was discussed in some detail and uniformly it is understood the Latin-American representatives approved the plan.

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BOMB ON A SHIP

Explodes When Vessel Is 750 Miles From Port.

Fire Consumes Cotton Cargo; Storm Razes Deck.

New York, Dec. 30.—The steamer Bankdale arrived this morning from Bordeaux after a tempestuous voyage in which the cattle fittings and rails were carried away and boats lifted from their fastenings. On the outward passage to Bordeaux on November 28, the steamer was hit by a bomb which exploded in number 1 hatch. The explosion was felt distinctly throughout the steamer.

The cargo, consisting of cotton, was set on fire and the blaze raged until reaching port when it was finally subdued. All the cotton in the number 6 compartment, consisting of 200 bales, was destroyed. Cable dispatches received here of November 28, from Bordeaux, stated that the Bankdale had arrived there with a fire in her hold and that an inquiry was being initiated. No mention was made in the cable dispatches of a bomb explosion on board.

FAIRBANKS MAY ENTER

Former Vice President Mentioned as Candidate of Republicans.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—"Fairbanks for president" signs were posted in all hotels and throughout the business district today, and it was understood that the cotton in the number 6 compartment, consisting of 200 bales, was destroyed.

Each arriving train and interurban car brought delegations, some with bands, and the crowd was said to be the largest that ever attended a Republican gathering in the state.

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Allies Sink 2 Submarines In Sea Bout

Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as a result of an encounter with sea forces of the allies at a point outside of Cattaro, in the Adriatic.

This information was contained in the following official announcement given out today: "An Austrian naval division, having come out from Cattaro for the purpose of bombarding Durazzo, certain squadrons of the allies went forth to give battle. The Austrian torpedo boat destroyer Liha encountered a mine and was blown up. The destroyer Triglav, of the same type, was destroyed by fire from the ships of the allies. The remaining warships of the enemy were pursued and fled in the direction of their base."

Sink Supply Ships.

There have been several previous encounters of lesser importance than the one now reported in connection with Austrian attempts to interrupt transportation of Italian troops to Albania and of supplies for the Serbian forces which have retreated to that country. Several supply ships have been sunk by Austrian warships.

JUDGE BENSON ILL

The Aged Jurist Is in a Serious Condition.

He Suffered a Cerebral Hemorrhage This Morning.

Judge Alfred W. Benson, former United States senator and supreme court and district judge, is today critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. Ward Page, 801 Lane street. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage early today and throughout the day has been in a comatose state. His condition is admittedly serious.

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Lieut. Gov. J. A. A. Burnquist, who became governor of Minnesota as a result of the death of Governor Hammond at Clinton, La., was ill, and when Burnquist received the news at his residence, where he had remained today because of a cold.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Eighteenth governor of Minnesota was inaugurated a year ago, following his election on the Democratic ticket. Previously he had served six terms in the national house of representatives, being sent to Washington from the Second Minnesota district. He was unmarried. He was born November 17, 1863, at Southboro, Worcester county, Mass. He was educated at Dartmouth college, where he graduated, with the class of 1884. He came to Minnesota as a young man, was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law at St. James.

Mr. Burnquist is a Republican, having been elected lieutenant governor in 1904 after serving in that position during the administration of former Gov. A. O. Eberhart.

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First Snow in Ten Years.

Snow began falling late last night and early today the ground was covered. This was the first snow storm in this city in more than ten years. It was said. The snow storm was reported in this section of the southern California citrus belt. No damage to citrus fruit is expected to result.

GOV. HAMMOND OF MINNESOTA DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken With Apoplexy on Visit in Louisiana.

Succumbed Before Doctors Could Reach Him in Hotel.

HIS SUCCESSOR ILL AT HOME

Physicians Report Governor Got Ptomaine Poison.

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Both the Norwegian and Swedish delegations to the peace conference have been completed. Their identities are being withheld, but it is understood they include few persons of prominence.

HODGES IN RACE?

Ex-Kansas Governor May Head Prohibition Ticket in 1916.

Bryan Will Not Be Considered for Nomination.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—If William Jennings Bryan starts in the 1916 presidential race it will not be as a driver of the Prohibition party's water wheel. The old cart was greased up for the contest Wednesday at a meeting of the Prohibition national committee in its Chicago headquarters. But when Mr. Bryan was mentioned as the possible Jehu, the suggestion was tripped at the threshold.

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"When the Hobson resolution was up in congress," explained National Chairman George Clark, "Mr. Bryan was asked to support it. He refused, when it became apparent that a wave of dry sentiment was sweeping across the country. But Bryan turned completely around."

When the prohibition national convention meets at Minneapolis July 19 it probably will pick a presidential candidate from one of the old parties. Among those mentioned are former Governor Hodges of Kansas, former Gov. Foss of Massachusetts, former Governor Hanley of Indiana, and Judge Ben H. Lindsey, of Denver.

Plans for extending Prohibition territory were discussed today at a conference of Prohibition party leaders summoned here by the executive committee of the national committee of the party.

Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the national committee of the Prohibition party, presided. He said he believed the Prohibition party to be stronger now than the Progressive party.

"Efforts are to be made," said Mr. Hinshaw, "to have a Prohibition party incorporated in both the Democrat and the Republican party platforms. These efforts fail and neither of the platforms has such a plank there will be many defections from the old parties to the Prohibition banner."

At a preliminary meeting of the conference last night Frank C. Curtis of Jamestown, N. Y., said that he hoped Colonel Roosevelt would be the candidate of the Republican party and that he would run on a Prohibition platform.

The date of the national convention of the Prohibition party was tentatively set by the national committee for July 19 and 20 at the state fair grounds at Minneapolis.

Word has reached Topeka of the death of Samuel Holdsworth, 84 years old, said to have been the oldest singer in the American stage. Holdsworth died last week at Dallas, Tex. In private life he was Colonel Samuel B. Hallett. With Major Norcross he appeared at the Novelty theater several weeks ago in a quaint singing act. His death removes from the amuse-

Kansas Snow Is Predicted

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Rising temperatures with prospects of snow in Kansas, Nebraska and this section of Missouri prevailed today in Arkansas. Also, the mercury had risen from its low point of yesterday. Trains entering Kansas City from all directions were running close to their normal schedules. At Kansas City, the mercury stood at 22 degrees this morning, a record of ten degrees in the last twenty-four hours.

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STATE EXPENSE INCREASES 100 PER CENT IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

Startling Report Issued by Assistant State Auditor.

Jump From \$2,700,000 in 1905 to \$5,000,000 in 1915.

BIG SHARE TO THE COLLEGES

K. S. A. C. and K. U. Come In for Largest Appropriation.

On Other Hand Indebtedness Decreases, Revenue Gains.

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From the increase of \$2,692,706.00, the bulk went to the big state schools. Of the increase as shown over 1905, the state schools in 1912 received \$1,660,383.81 more than ten years ago. The last six months of the Hodges term and the first six months of the present term show a decrease of \$1,596.54 in cost of maintenance.

State expense, as paid from the general revenue fund, increased from \$2,464,415.28 to \$4,479,942.17. It is the general revenue fund of the state which is paid from general taxes. The ten-year period shows an increase in this direct expense of slightly more than two million dollars. Expense of the state schools in 1912 received as paid from the fee funds increased from \$27,409.63 in 1905 to \$822,588.34 this year.

HE ASKS \$10,000

R. E. Darby Files Damage Suit Against Fair Association.

Claims He Will Never Get Full Use of Broken Leg.

R. E. Darby, a school teacher who received a broken leg and other injuries when H. L. Kilpatrick smashed through the fence in his racing car at the fair grounds during the big free fair in September, filed suit this afternoon in the district court for \$10,000 damages against the Kansas State fair association, S. E. Lux and H. L. Kilpatrick.

Darby alleges in his petition that he was injured while on duty as a school teacher. He claims that he was injured while on duty as a school teacher. He claims that he was injured while on duty as a school teacher.

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